



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

April 28, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome back from April break. We hope you are all rested up because the schedule swings into full gear with the arrival of May. In between juggling crackers for dinner at 6pm baseball games and searching for lost cleats before that soccer/lacrosse/softball practice, we hope you have a moment to enjoy some of the great events happening at Lincoln and around town. Be sure to stop by Mentor Night from 6:30-8pm tomorrow night. This is the evening where the 4th and 5th graders showcase what they have learned from their mentors over the last 6 weeks. Be prepared to be amazed by tales of helicopter rides, industrial cooking and magnificent cake decorating. It is an excellent way to get your third grader revved up for the program in 4th grade. Also please note that next MONDAY is an EARLY RELEASE day—this one sneaks up on you after vacation. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 29th 6-7:30 Mentor Night
Monday, May 3rd Early Release (Prof. Day/Teacher Appreciation Lunch)
Wednesday, May 5th 6:30-8pm Math and Science Mania: Lincoln Gym
Thursday, May 13th 8:30am LSPA meeting (2010-2011 budget presented)
Saturday, May 22nd 9am-12pm Lincoln Spring Cleanup
Thursday, May 27th 10am May Day Celebration

5TH GRADE CLEAN UP

What a wonderful event! 73 5th graders from the Winchester elementary schools, including 25 from Lincoln, participated in Clean Up Earth Day on April 14th. Led by Connect & Commit high schoolers, the 5th graders canvassed Winchester and gathered 27 bags of trash and recycling. Great job! Thank you to the parent volunteers and to the hard-working 5th graders who made the Lorax proud.

MATH & SCIENCE MANIA: BE AMAZED The Math & Science Mania Fair is coming to the Lincoln gym. Mark your

calendars for Wednesday, May 5, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. You'll be amazed by the cell biology station, the geometric straw structures, the police forensics and so much more. Bring your whole family and prepare to get messy. For questions or to volunteer at the event, contact lkrotky@comcast.net

MENTOR PROGRAM SHARING AND RECOGNITION EVENT

Thursday, April 29th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln School. Our fourth and fifth grade students have been working hard with their mentors in their many different and interesting areas of expertise from cooking to veterinary medicine, sports broadcasting, and many more. They are looking forward to displaying their projects for their friends, families and fellow students at the Mentor Program Sharing and Recognition Event. Please come see their many amazing displays set up in the Lincoln School gymnasium and cafeteria that evening. We strongly encourage families with third grade students to attend as they can see what they have to look forward to and view the different areas of interest they may choose to learn about next year. In addition, the mentor committee is looking for volunteers to assist with setting up tables and cleaning up before and after the Mentor Program Sharing and Recognition Event. We will have two shifts, one for set-up from 4-6 p.m. and one for clean-up from 7:30-8:30 p.m. that evening. Please email Alison Bayiates (alandart@verizon.net) if you are able to help. Thank you!! Tobey Kelly and Allison Bayiates, Mentor Program Co-Chairs

MESSAGE FROM MCCALL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We invite all incoming 6th grade parents to log into the McCall Parent's Association Web Page: www.mccallpa.org. Here you'll find our contact information, along with a listing of current Board members, meeting minutes, monthly newsletters, calendars

and other information concerning McCall and the Parents Association. You can also add your name to our secure **email list** to receive our monthly newsletter and weekly e-notices. Sending this material electronically has saved the Parents' Association thousands of dollars and allows us to keep you informed in a much more timely fashion. We will, however, send you a hard copy of the monthly newsletter if you prefer. Please identify your student by graduation year when you sign up—current fifth graders are in the Class of 2017. If you currently receive your elementary School newsletter electronically, your email address will be forwarded to us by your Electronic Correspondence Coordinator. If you find that your son or daughter will not be attending McCall, or if you do not wish to share your e-mail address with us for any reason, please contact your Electronic Correspondence Coordinator.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

BrainPOP Home Access Information:

What is BrainPOP? BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement. The award-winning online educational resources include BrainPOP Jr. (K-3) and BrainPOP. BrainPOP comes from a WFEE Grant written by the Elementary Instructional Technology Specialists. Below is the information for students to be able to access Brainpop for home use: <http://www.brainpop.com/>

Username: winchesterma

Password: brainpop

iPod Techtutorial for Parents:

The iPod Techtutorial for parents that was canceled due to the March storm has been rescheduled to May 10 from 6-7pm at Winchester High School Animation Lab (1st floor). iPods are more than just music players. iPods have functionality that can be used in many different ways for teaching and learning. Join Joanne Najarian and Stephanie Golas (Elementary ITS) on Monday, May 10, and learn of the many uses for the iPod: creating and listening to podcasts, using video, taking notes for class, studying for quizzes, and much more.

District Technology Committee Meeting will be held directly after the Techtutorial, and all are welcome to join Annamaria Schrimpf and the District Tech Committee for an update on technology throughout the district. If you have any questions, please contact Annamaria Schrimpf, Director of Educational Technology: 781-721-7007.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHAT WILL TEACHING AND LEARNING LOOK LIKE AT WHS IN THE YEAR 2015? Are you curious about the knowledge and skills our students will need to meet the demands of the changing global economy? How should our high school adapt to provide key 21st century skills? Please join us for a community conversation: "21st Century Skills: What Are They? Why Should We Care?" May 11th, 7:00pm at Winchester High School. Internationally recognized author Charles Fadel will lead a presentation on the future of learning, while WHS teachers share examples of high school projects that currently incorporate these skills. We expect a heavy turnout for the evening presentation and seating in the high school auditorium is limited. Therefore reserved seating for May 11th is available until May 7th by emailing Cindy Bohne at WHS.FocusOnTheFuture@gmail.com with the subject line "Forum RSVP." Copies of author Charles Fadel's book, *21st Century Skills- Learning for Life in Our Times*, will be available for sale in the front lobby from Bookends. Fadel's visit kicks off a strategic high school planning initiative. Community members and educators have begun to assess the curricular and instructional practices at the high school. This effort, WHS - Focus on the Future, will culminate in a viable, 5-year strategic plan and vision that will provide clear direction, identify action steps, outline necessary resources, and reflect the integrated priorities and values of the Winchester community. Please look for notices on a first round of focus group discussions to be held on May 24th. Your ideas and feedback are welcome and appreciated as the community and the school district moves forward.

TAKE BACK MEDICATION PROGRAM

In efforts to reduce prescription drug use and protect our waterways/environment, The Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community has partnered with other town departments including the Board of Health, Police, DPW as well as Winchester Hospital to conduct our third "Take Back Medication Program" in conjunction with Hazardous Waste Day.

Where: Sons of Italy Parking Lot/Hospital Parking Lot Swanton Street Next to Transfer Station When: Saturday, May 8th Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepted: All prescription drugs - expired, unused or unwanted (please do not cross out name of drug on bottle), Non-prescription medicine, Herbal products, Vitamins and mineral supplements, Throat lozenges. Help prevent home theft, accidental poisoning, medication error, and damage to our soil and water systems. Please do not throw your medicine in the trash or down the toilet.

SATURDAY, MAY 11th - MYCHIP EVENT, ARLINGTON The Mass Youth Child Identification Program (mychip.org) in cooperation with Mass Crime Prevention Officers Assoc. and Mass Dental Society will be hosting an event to help parents gather identification information for their children. The program entails providing parents with fingerprints, tooth impressions, DNA cheek swabs, and a videotaped interview of their child. No materials are kept by the organization, and there is no cost to families for this activity. The event is being held at the Arlington Masonic Temple, 19 Academy Street, Arlington, MA between 10a and 2p on May 11. For more information contact Jennifer Pagán <jennypagan@yahoo.com>

WFEE NEWS:

The Prom 'n Aid

Mark your calendars now: the WFEE Prom 'n Aid is Saturday, May 22nd. Please join us in the garden, under our virtual tent for dinner and dancing to the music of SIX. Tickets can be purchased at www.wfee.org or at Book Ends, \$350 a couple, \$175 if you are coming stag. Proceeds support all Winchester schools. Auction items include weekend get-aways, a behind-the-scenes tour of Logan, and fabulous dinners. Plan your party attire now; special Prom guests include some faces from your past. For more information on WFEE and updates on events or our grants, visit our website, www.wfee.org. The WFEE Grants Committee is currently reviewing proposals for the 2010-2011 school year. Grants will be awarded in May. Check the website to see what grants will benefit your school. All grants are funded through donations to WFEE. To make an on line donation to WFEE, go to www.wfee.org or you can mail a check to WFEE, P.O. Box 1005, Winchester, MA. WFEE contributions are tax deductible

and eligible for employer matching gift programs.

ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 8th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION

ANNOUNCES 2010 INDUCTEES

The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the Inductees for the 2010 Hall of Fame. They are as follows: 1955 Men's Hockey and Basketball Teams, James Griffin '53 Football, Basketball and Baseball, James Bowers '87 Swimming and Sailing, David Fiorentino '94 Golf and Tennis, Joseph Murphy '99 Football, Basketball and Lacrosse, Joseph Weeren, '99 Basketball and Lacrosse and Coach Quinton Dale, Winchester High School Basketball Coach. The Inductees will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Dinner held on May 6th, 2010, at the Woburn Hilton, 2 Forbes Road, Woburn, MA. Individual tickets are available by sending a check made out to the Winchester Sports Foundation for \$45.00 to Dot Butler, 30 Wildwood St. Winchester, MA 01890. Tables of 10 are available and will be reserved for parties of 10 upon receipt of payment. Please indicate members of your party when reserving a table. Tickets may also be purchased on line by visiting the Winchester Sports Foundation website at www.winchestersportsfoundation.com.

Please join us as we honor the proud tradition of Winchester High School athletics. For additional information about this event or the WSF Hall of Fame committee, contact Paul Manganaro at 781 721-2930 or Dot Butler at 781 729-8436.

WHS BAND UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

Please support the WHS New Band Uniform Dump Run Fundraiser on Saturday, May 8th! The WHS Band needs 30 more uniforms to outfit all members of the band for next year and in the future! Let us take your refuse to the Transfer Station on May 8th for a \$10 donation. Sign-up at the Transfer Station on Saturday, May 1st or mail the attached form with your donation. Please have your refuse

on the curb by 7 am on Saturday, May 8th.
Thank you for supporting the Winchester High School Band! Come and see us in our new uniforms at the EnKa Fair and Memorial Day parades.

EN KA SOCIETY NEWS

The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 14 and 15. This year's Fair is titled *Hats Off to You!* Beginning April 1st, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street in Winchester. Look for signs saying "Book Drop Here." Books should be placed in small, easy-to-handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books.

Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions: email enkabooks@yahoo.com.

THE EN KA FAIR IS COMING!

The theme this year is "Hats off to You:" May 14 and 15, 2010! En Ka Parade: May 15, 2010. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EN KA FAIR:** Volunteers who are over 18 years of age are needed for the upcoming En Ka Fair being held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Those interested in taking tickets for a ride or helping with a game for a two-hour shift, please Contact Karen Knouse at 721-2829. **En Ka Day at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge to Be Held Wednesday, May 13th:** The En Ka

annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13th, at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates, and more. For the 28th consecutive year, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants for Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Please pay at the Main Greenhouse.

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

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